

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and consideration of the present application, as amended, are respectfully requested. By the foregoing amendments, the claims have been amended to remove multiple claim dependencies therefrom.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

Date: December 17, 2004

By: 

Roger H. Lee
Registration No. 46,317

P.O. Box 1404
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404
(703) 836-6620